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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY

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FOR AMB. AND ADMIN COUNSELOR FROM SCARRITT, HONG KONG RSS

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SUBJECT: DEPLOYMENT OF TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICERS AND
SEABEES

1. THE OPPORTUNITY DID NOT PRESENT ITSELF FOR ME TO DISCUSS
IN DETAIL AND PERSONALLY WITH AMBASSADORS WHITEHOUSE AND
SULLIVAN DURING THE CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE THE
FOLLOWING PROPOSALS. I BELIEVE I MAY HAVE TOUCHED
TANGENTIALLY ON THE QUESTION WITH AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN BUT
NOT DEFINITELY.

2. WE HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY CONCERNED AT THE COSTS OF
MAINTAINING THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER IN HONG KONG.
THESE CONCERNS WERE INTENSIFIED AT THE CHIEFS OF MISSION
CONFERENCE, WHEN CONSUL GENERAL CROSS GAVE ME A MEMORANDUM
INDICATING AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT THE POST WAS FORECASTING
A 55 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE COST OF RESIDENTIAL LEASES

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IN THAT CITY.

3. PRIOR TO DEPARTING FROM WASHINGTON FOR THE CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE, EA/EX AND SY HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THIS COST PROBLEM AND MUTUALLY CONCLUDED THAT AN ALTERNATIVE TO A CENTRALIZED TECHNICAL SECURITY FACILITY WAS TO ASSIGN A TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER AND ONE OR MORE SEABEES TO OTHER POSTS IN EA WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE AN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE POST AT WHICH THEY RESIDED AND PROVIDE SERVICES AS WELL FOR EMBASSIES IN ADJACENT COUNTRIES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE APPROACH OF CENTRALIZATION VERSUS DECENTRALIZATION IS A MATTER ON WHICH SENIOR SECURITY OFFICERS HAVE DIVIDED OPINIONS, BUT THE PRESSURE OF COST REDUCTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THIS TECHNICAL EXPERTISE ARGUES STRONGLY FOR TRYING THE DECENTRALIZED ROUTE.

4. I APPRECIATE FULLY THAT IN BOTH BANGKOK AND MANILA YOU ARE GIVING CONTINUING ATTENTION TO THE SIZE OF THE U.S. MISSION, AND THAT A PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN TECHNICAL SECURITY PERSONNEL CUTS ACROSS THOSE EFFORTS. NEVERTHELESS, ADEQUATE TECHNICAL SECURITY CAPABILITY IS A NECESSITY IN THIS DAY AND AGE, AND SINCE THE PROPOSED INCREASES IN YOUR STAFFING ARE MODEST, AND OFFER EA SIGNIFICANT OFFSET REDUCTIONS IN OPERATING EXPENSES FROM THE PRESENT LEVEL IN HONG KONG, I WOULD HOPE YOU COULD VIEW THESE PROPOSALS AFFIRMATIVELY. IN PROPOSING THIS INCREASE IN MANILA, DEPARTMENT COGNIZANT OF S/IG RECOMMENDATION FOR SECOND RSO POSITION. WE WOULD PREFER, HOWEVER, TO DEFER ACTION ON THIS RECOMMENDATION UNTIL EXPERIENCE, FOLLOWING TSO/ SEABEE ARRIVAL, CLEARLY IDENTIFIES NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL RSO POSITION.

5. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO ASSIGN TO BANGKOK AND MANILA EACH ONE TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER AND ONE SEABEE. THE ASSIGNEES TO BANGKOK WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SERVICING BANGKOK, VIENTIANE AND RANGOON. THE ASSIGNEES TO MANILA WOULD SERVICE MANILA, JAKARTA, KUALA LUMPUR AND SINGAPORE.

6. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, ONLY ONE TSO AND SEABEE WILL REMAIN IN HONG KONG TO COVER HONG KONG, PEKING AND TAIPEI.
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A TSO AND SEABEE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO TOKYO, AND CANBERRA, EACH WITH ADJACENT COUNTRY RESPONSIBILITY. WE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED STATIONING A TEAM IN JAKARTA BECAUSE OF HIGH RESIDENTIAL LEASING COSTS AND LACK OF SECURE WORKING SPACE FOR THE TEAM ON USG PROPERTY.

7. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSAL AND RESPONSE SO THAT SY CAN PROCEED WITH ITS

ASSIGNMENT PLANNING AND, PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY,
REDIRECT SHIPMENTS OF EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE ACCUMULATING IN
HONG KONG AND WILL HAVE TO BE INVENTORIED, BOXED, AND
SHIPPED TO THE ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS. KISSINGER

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